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TO: IMMEDIATE [REDACTED] PRIORITY SANTIAGO.

1. A.P. STORY BY ROBERT D. OHMAN DATED LINE 23 AUGUST, REPORTS THAT ALLENDE MET WITH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY NIGHT. ACCORDING CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES THEY DISCUSSED THE THREAT OF AN INVASION FROM BOLIVIA. STORY GOES ON TO SAY THAT THERE WERE UN-CONFIRMED REPORTS OF BOLIVIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS ALONG CHILE'S NORTHERN FRONTIER AND THAT COMMUNIST DEPUTY JORGE INSUNZA CLAIMED THAT GOVERNMENT FEARED AN INVASION BY BOLIVIA WAS IMMINENT. ACCORDING STORY, SEVERAL OPPOSITION CONGRESSMEN SAID THAT REGIME IS CIRCULATING THE REPORTS TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE STRIKES PLAGUING THE GOVT.

2. BELIEVE THAT IF ALLENDE RAISING SPECTRE OF THREAT FROM ABROAD IT INDEED IS FOR PURPOSE CLAIMED BY OPPOSITION CONGRESSMEN PLUS, PERHAPS, IS EFFORT TO REDUCE THREAT FROM CHILEAN MILITARY WHO COULD BE EXPECTED TO SET ASIDE DOMESTIC DIFFERENCES IN FACE OF "INVASION." THIS REGARD, TO ALLAY ANY POSSIBLE CONCERN ON PART OF CHILEAN MILITARY.

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